

HIGHWAY 101 GREENBRAE CORRIDOR PROJECT

THE PROJECT: WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED

TAM has initiated the next phase of this project to identify multi-modal improvements between the Tamalpais Drive and I-580 interchanges that will reduce congestion and improve safety and mobility. This corridor is designated as the 8th worst congested highway in the Bay Area — and future traffic growth will make it worse. Some of the existing corridor inadequacies include:

- Closely-spaced interchanges on Highway 101 that do not meet current California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) standards and cause weaving and merging conflicts on the highway,
- Higher accident rates than the average for a similar roadway because of overlapping weaving and merging areas,
- Congested local streets in Corte Madera, Larkspur and San Rafael because of limited local circulation routes and diversions from the congested highway, and
- Limited transit and pedestrian/bicycle facilities that decrease mobility and increase congestion within the corridor.

Building on the previous planning efforts completed in 2002 and on input received from the October 20, 2005 public workshop, TAM is conducting a data-driven analyses process with active community involvement to develop detailed context sensitive solutions that meet the community's vision for the corridor and adjacent streets while providing safe and efficient travel for all modes of transportation.

PROJECT STATUS

TAM is currently collecting extensive traffic data and is conducting conceptual engineering and environmental analyses to identify existing conditions and to provide the community and agencies with accurate technical information. The traffic data will be used to develop a corridor-wide model to understand current traffic demands and operations.

TAM has initiated an outreach/consensus building effort to ensure community input early in the process. The community needs and priorities will be used to develop context sensitive solutions for an improved corridor that meets the community's vision and provides safe and efficient traffic operations. Currently, public workshops are being organized to distribute technical information, obtain community input, and encourage community involvement in this project.



PROJECT BACKGROUND

The previous conceptual planning effort for this corridor was completed in May 2002 and identified seven options to address design deficiencies, traffic congestion, and safety issues within the corridor. Based on public hearings, the Town of Corte Madera and City of Larkspur expressed a preference for Option 4 (Wornum Drive Interchange) with modifications including evaluation of (1) Hwy 101/Tamalpais Drive Interchange improvement, (2) access at Madera Blvd and (3) improved bicycle and pedestrian access.

TAM conducted a public workshop on October 20, 2005 to review the conceptual options prepared to date, describe this project, and receive comments from the community. Based on community input at that workshop, TAM is continuing those preliminary studies to further define the issues in the corridor and to develop multi-modal options to address community issues.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The following schedule captures the major milestones related to the communications program and outreach activities.

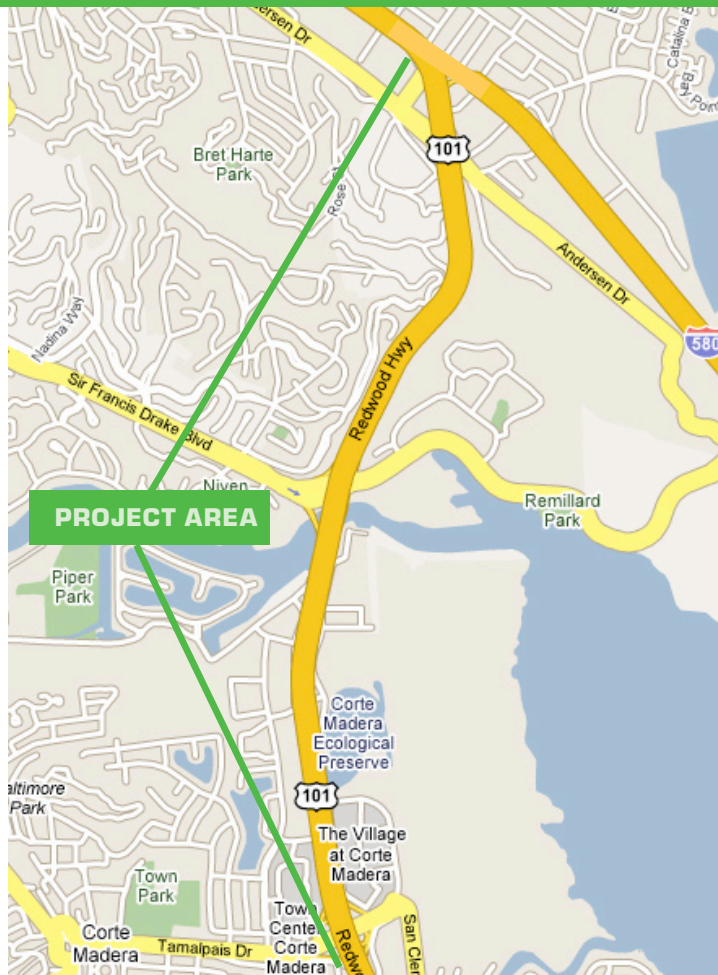
October 24, 2006 Workshop 1: Identify Existing Conditions/Issues & Define the Corridor Vision

Winter 2006/07 Workshop 2: Generate/Review Improvement Options

Spring 2007 Workshop 3: Review & Refine Alternative Packages

Summer 2007 Workshop 4: Consensus Recommendation to TAM Board

PROJECT AREA



STAY INVOLVED

Please continue to visit the project website at www.tam.ca.gov for the most current project information and to submit project comments. Informational materials will be prepared for the public as the project develops and project staff is always available to talk with individuals interested in the Highway 101 Greenbrae Corridor.

To provide comments or to sign up to receive the Highway 101 Greenbrae Corridor newsletter for regular project updates or if you have any questions please contact Bill Whitney at (415) 507-2810 or email at BWhitney@co.marin.ca.us.